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SUBJECT: THE LEADER'S ANNUAL SPEECH TO PARTY CONGRESS

1. PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM YESTERDAY ADDRESSED AN ENTHUSIASTIC SESSION OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS' ANNUAL CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION. IN CONTRAST TO RECENT YEARS, BURNHAM SAID NOTHING REALLY NEW, MADE NO STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WAS RELATIVELY MODERATE IN HIS REFERENCES TO COUNTRY'S FORMER COLONIAL MASTERS AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. OBVIOUSLY SETTING THE STATE FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS WHICH MUST BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF MARCH 1974, AND THE EXACT DATE OF WHICH MANY HAD EXPECTED HIM TO ANNOUNCE, BURNHAM CONCENTRATED LARGELY ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE RECITED ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE HIS GOVERNMENT TOOK OFFICE IN 1964 AND DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH IS TO TRANSFORM GUYANESE SOCIETY, REDISTRIBUTE INCOME AND WEALTH,
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KEEP PRICES DOWN, END UNEMPLOYMENT, PUT ECONOMIC POWER IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE AND GENERALLY MAKE THE LITTLE MAN INTO A REAL MAN THROUGH PROMOTION OF COOPERATIVES.

3. BURNHAM (AND REPORTEDLY OTHER SPEAKERS BEFORE HIM) OF COURSE ATTACKED CHEDDI JAGAN' S PPP AS BANKRUPT, DISORGANIZED AND WITHOUT POPULAR SUPPORT. ALSO CRITICAL OF PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT ONLY MILDLY RELATIVELY SPEAKING.

4. ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE, BURNHAM STRESSED GUYANA' S NON- ALIGNMENT, TOOK PRIDE IN LAST SUMMER' S MEETING HERE OF NON- ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS AND MADE POINTED REFERENCE TO MEETING HERE LAST WEEK OF ASSORTED UN AGENCIES DESIGNED TO BEGIN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF GEORGETOWN DECLARATION IN FIELDS OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION, FOR WHICH GUYANA MADE EXECUTING COUNTRY. IN THIS CONTEXT STRESSED SELF- RELIANCE, SELF- HELP, AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, MAKING ONLY ONE SNIDE REMARK CONCERNING ALARUD " HUMANITARIAN" MOTIVATION OF AID PROVIDED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

5. BURNHAM ANNOUNCED THAT PRC WAS PROVIDING FACTORY TO PRODUCE TILE, BUT COUPLED THIS WITH REFERENCE TO ASSISTANCE OF US IN SETTING UP CLAY BRICKMILLS. THIS ONLY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO OTHER COUNTRIES BY NAME.

6. ON THE WHOLE, SPEECH CONTAINED LITTLE TO WHICH ANYONE (OTHER THAN JAGANITIES AND, PERHAPS, PRIVATE LOCAL BUSINESSMEN) COULD TAKE EXCEPTION.

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